DRAG
MY PLAN WENT AWRY.
AS THEY SAY, THIS WORLD IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.
THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN BUT
MY LIFE ENDED A LITTLE WHILE AGO. BUT, FOR NOW, LET ME TELL YOU HOW IT HAPPENED
MY NAME IS KAZUHIKO SAIHARA.
chnk
IT'S BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ANYONE ELSE WHO CAN DO IT.
HOW CAN A DEAD PERSON LIKE ME BE THE NARRATOR?

THE MAN DIGGING MY GRAVE HAS LITTLE EDUCATION AND RARELY SPEAKS
THE CHILD GAZING ABSENTLY AT HIM IS FEEBLE IN MIND AND BODY
AND CAN BARELY MANIPULATE WORDS.
THE THREE OF US SPENT OUR LAST SUMMER IN THIS VILLA, FAR FROM CIVILIZATION
WELL ...
THE FACT THAT THIS WAS MY LAST SUMMER IS THE ONLY THING CLEARLY SETTLED.

KANOU!
A WEEK AGO...
WHEN I CAME TO VISIT THE MANSION, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE

KANOU!
KANOU!
WHY AREN'T YOU HERE TO GREET ME?
YOUR MASTER HAS ARRIVED!

YO...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW?
I FINISHED WORK EARLY... SO I MOVED IT UP IN MY SCHEDULE
GOT ANY COMPLAINTS?
NO...
THIS SERVANT AND I ARE THE SAME AGE. HE'S NEVER ONCE GIVEN ME AN INGRATIATING SMILE.

KANOU
!
STILL THE SAME?
IN HIS ROOM.
AND KASUMI?
BUT IT'S OKAY
THIS MAN IS QUITE CAPABLE
I'VE FOUND A BUYER FOR THE VILLA.
BE GLAD.
!
crash
COME NOW
heh
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HADN'T ALREADY HEARD...
HUH?
YOU SHOULD BE EXCITED TO GET SOME SEVERANCE PAY
BUT THEN...

EVEN IF HE'D HEARD HE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANT
THIS IS MY PATHETIC AND INFANTILE LITTLE BROTHER.
WHITE HAIR AND RED EYES
HIS ABNORMALLY THIN SKIN WILL BURN AND BLISTER IMMEDIATELY WHEN TOUCHED BY SUNLIGHT

KAN...
KA
IT
HURTS
KASUMI-SAMA
SUCH A CREATURE HAS NO MEANS OF SURVIVAL IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD
HEY KANOU
HOW OLD IS KASUMI NOW?
HE'S SEVENTEEN
AA
MY FATHER IMPRISONED THIS BURDENSOME CHILD IN THIS PLACE ...
ALONG WITH THIS BURLY GUARDIAN

!!!
RIGHT, KANOU?
WHEN HE WAS BORN, WE WERE TOLD HE WOULDN'T LIVE PAST TEN
AH
HE'S LIVED LONGER THAN EXPECTED.
SEVEN-TEEN, HUH?
Step

IF YOU REMOVE THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR AND EYES...
KASUMI LOOKS JUST LIKE MY MOTHER
SEVEN-TEEN HUH?
MOTHER WAS SEVENTEEN WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO ME
LIKE MY MOTHER WHO DIDN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ME IN ANYWAY

I JUST TURNED THIRTY-TWO.
MOTHER WAS THE SAME AGE WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO KASUMI AND DIED
FOR SOME REASON, IT SEEMS LIKE A PREMONITION RIGHT?
WELL...
IT'S OKAY.
WHAT'S WRONG? THIS IS THE LAST SUMMER WE'LL SPEND IN THIS MANSION
SHOULDN'T WE ENJOY OUR-SELVES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID...
...BUT YOU CAN EASILY IMAGINE THAT LIFE HERE IS EXTREMELY BORING.

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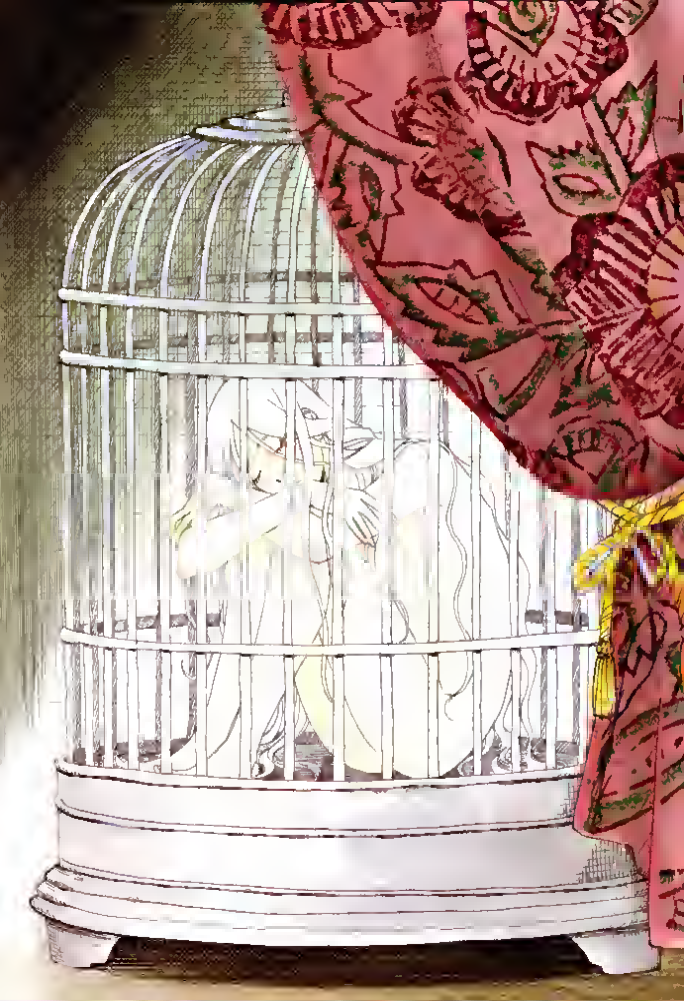

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HOW DREARY
WHILE I STAY HERE I AMUSE MYSELF BY DRINKING ALONE
THE ONLY VISITORS HERE ARE A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN FROM THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGE WHO COMES TO PREPARE MEALS AND ONCE MONTH, A DOCTOR COMES TO EXAMINE KASUMI
BUT
I'D REPLY "NO WAY"
IF YOU WERE TO SAY BACK WHEN MY MOTHER AND FATHER WERE ALIVE THERE WERE MANY VISITORS AND SERVANTS AND THIS SUMMER VILLA WAS FUN
chnk
OOPS
IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ME EVEN AS A CHILD THAT THEIR CONNECTION WAS ONE OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY NOT AFFECTION
MY FATHER WAS AN IRRITABLE OLD MAN AND MY MOTHER WAS YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL

KANOU!
KANOU!
I'M JUST LIKE KASUMI
OH
damn
HEY...!
I NEED YOU TO CLEAN UP...
THEN BRING ME A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

ふぅふぅ

ALL OF KASUMI'S DAILY CARE
THIS UNCOUTH MAN HANDLED WITH A STRANGE ENTHUSIASM.
I THOUGHT THE NATURE OF HIS JOB WAS MORE SUITED TO A WOMAN. BUT FOR SOME REASON FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, KASUMI NEVER CARED FOR ANYONE BUT KANOU
AND KANOU, ALSO LOOKED AFTER THE CHILD AS IF IT WERE NATURAL FOR HIM
EVERYONE WAS VAGUELY AWARE OF THE REASON. BUT IT WASN'T SOMETHING THEY TALKED ABOUT
yuruka, yuruka
WHEN I FIRST MET KANOU
I WASN'T EVEN 20 YET

HE WAS AN ORPHAN PICKED UP FROM GOD-KNOWS-WHERE TO BE A SERVANT AT THE VILLA.
HE HAD VERY DARK SKIN AND STRANGE COLORED EYES
OH, IF YOU AREN'T BLEEDING
FOR SOME REASON MY MOTHER CALLED OUT TO THIS STRANGE CHILD
KANOU WAS STRONG AND WARY. WATCHING MY MOTHER WITH ANIMAL-LIKE EYES. BUT... HE REMAINED DOCILE
MY MOTHER DIDN'T DO SUCH THINGS TO ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS HER SON
IT WAS SOME-THING OTHER THAN... PITY AND COM-PASSION

IT WAS LIKE SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE SEEN WAS BURNED INTO MY EYELIDS
MOTHER WRAPPED A SHEATH OF WHITE CLOTH AROUND THAT ROUGH AND DIRTY HAND
HOW'S KASUMI?
ALREADY ASLEEP
DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?
OOH? YEAH JUST SOME CLEANING
rustle
creak
!
OH
YOU FINALLY CAME
!
NO
Smile
KANOU

PLAY NURSE FOR ME
KANOU WAS A TRULY USEFUL MAN
HEH, HEH
JUST AS I THOUGHT
YOU'RE GOOD WITH YOUR TONGUE
IF ORDERED, HE'D EVEN DO THIS SORT OF THING FOR ME
OR MAYBE...
THIS KIND OF WORK SUITED HIM EXTREMELY WELL

COME HERE
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES TOO
LET'S TRY RELEASING EVERYTHING THAT'S BUILDING UP
!
SO...
BOTH KANOU AND I...
KNEW THIS KIND OF RECREATION VERY WELL
THINGS LIKE TENDERNESS AND CARING WEREN'T NECESSARY
INSTEAD THEY WERE AN

IT WAS FINE THAT WE WERE JUST VENTING OUR LUST
THAT'S ALL
OUR LIPS COULD NEVER TOUCH
THERE WAS ONE RULE
HEY, KANOU
IT WAS REALLY QUITE COM-FORT-ABLE--

DO YOU KNOW WHO KASUMI'S FATHER IS?
MY FATHER FELL OFF A HORSE AND HURT HIS BACK LONG BEFORE YOU CAME HERE...
AFTER THAT HE HAD NO DESIRE TO FUNCTION AS A MAN
!
SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT KASUMI IS HIS CHILD
JUST BEFORE HE DIED HE TOLD ME
HEH HEH
"DON'T SAY ANYTHING AND TAKE IT TO YOUR GRAVE."
IT SEEMS MY FATHER VERY MUCH LIKED TO SCATTER THE SEEDS OF MISFORTUNE
...

I KNOW YOU HAD AN AFFAIR WITH MY MOTHER.
AND MY MOTHER FOUND A PATHETIC ORPHAN CUTE IN TURN...
YOU ALREADY HAD THE BODY OF A GROWN MAN.
IT WAS SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO
WELL
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HEY!
LISTEN TO THE REST OF THE STORY!
I KNOW KANOU
DON'T YOU THINK HE'S YOUR CHILD?
AND THAT'S WHY YOU STAY IN THIS HOUSE TAKING CARE OF THIS AND THAT?
BUT HAVEN'T YOU EVER CONSIDERED?
HIS FATHER...

MAYBE IT'S ME.
brush off
creak
KANOU
!!!

BANG
EVEN AFTER THAT...
HIS EXPRESSION DOESN'T CHANGE?
INSTEAD IT'S LIKE HIS EYES CAN SEE INTO THE HUMAN HEART...
KANOU.
YOU REALLY ARE A HATEFUL MAN.

HAS KASUMI'S FEVER GONE DOWN?
HE'S CALMED DOWN QUITE A BIT
HERE'S HIS MEDICINE.
HAS HE HAD ANYTHING TO EAT AT ALL?
LATELY HE WON'T EVEN EAT THIS MUCH

I WONDER IF KASUMI EVEN EATS TO SURVIVE
SIGH
BUT HE'LL LOOK TERRIBLE IF HE LOSES TOO MUCH WEIGHT
OH
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU A GUEST IS COMING TOMORROW
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL BUT GET KASUMI LOOKING PRESENTABLE
I KNOW
PUT HIM IN MOTHER'S KIMONO

THERE'S EVEN SOMEONE
THERE ARE COMMENDABLE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD
...WILLING TO BUY EVERYTHING IN THIS HOUSE, EVEN THAT BEAUTIFUL DOLL
I'M HAPPY, KANOU
I CAN FINALLY SEE SOME EXPRESSION IN YOUR FACE
HEH, HEH
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? I'VE FOUND A BUYER FOR THE VILLA.
!
HIS EXPRESSION SURE CHANGED AT THAT, DIDN'T IT?

WELL
IF A RICH OLD MAN WERE TO BECOME FOND OF HIM, HIS CHANCES OF SURVIVAL WOULD BE GREATER
AND HOW THAT FONDNESS IS EXPRESSED
chuckle
SINCE HE REQUIRES TOO MUCH TIME AND MONEY
BUT THAT CHILD WON'T SURVIVE AT ALL IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD
HM, KANOU?
WHAT'S WRONG? ISN'T EVERYTHING WORKING OUT THE WAY WE WANT?

crash...
THAT'S RIGHT
GET ANGRY
THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO SEE
THIS RAW EMOTION

AH...
KAN
KA...
NNN...
CCLK!
KASUMI-SAMA!
KAAA
AH...
BAM

...THIS CHILD EASILY SNATCHES HIM AWAY.
RASP
RASP
THIS CRUCIAL PERSON ...
AT SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME...
DAN
KASUMI
YOU'RE A PERSISTENT CURSE.

!
SO...
I'LL PUT AN END TO THAT
KANOU!
MOVE!
ENRAGED...

I WONDER WHY HE WAS EVEN BORN...!
HEY...
KASUMI SHOULD DIE!
chuk
HE'S WORTHLESS... I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF HIM AS MY BROTHER!
I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU, KANOU!
HE KEEPS YOU TIED TO THIS PLACE!
I...
stab

wobble
!
!?
HUH?
HOW
slide
THAT'S RIGHT
THIS MANSION'S GUARDIAN ISN'T KANOU

KASUMI
HONESTLY...
WHAT A TOTAL MISCALCULATION!
KUNOU...
I WANTED YOU TO CHOKE OUT MY LIFE WITH YOUR HANDS...

OF ALL THINGS...
cough

HEY, KANOU
!
BUT, WELL
MAYBE THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO DIE.
TOO MUCH TROUBLE
IT'S TOO LATE
FOR-GET IT
GET A DOCTOR
KASUMI IS LIKE OUR CHILD?
DON'T YOU THINK
YOU AND I
MINGLED INSIDE MY MOTHER'S WOMB AND HE WAS BORN
THAT'S WHY HE'S SO WEAK AND USELESS
SOME-THING
THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN BORN
BUT

REGRETTABLY I COLLAPSED BEFORE THAT
I'D INTENDED TO SAY, BUT—
"AND THAT'S WHY HE'S BEAUTIFUL"
KANOU
YOU'RE VERY SLOW, AREN'T YOU?
—WELL, ARE WE EQUAL IN THAT REGARD?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY LUCK IS RUNNING OUT. BUT—
IT'S TOO LATE TO DO THIS—

AH
?

Ah—

I FIGURED
KASUMI'S WHITE-NESS...
...CONTRASTS SO WELL WITH YOUR SKIN THAT I HATE IT.
WHAT LITTER NON-SENSE!
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.
EXPRESSION WON'T CHANGE WHEN I'M ALREADY DEAD!
WHAT?!

THIS IS OUR BELOVED CHILD.
THAT'S WHY HE'S BEAUTIFUL.
WHAT?
I WONDER IF HE HEARD ME SOMEHOW.
I'M GLAD...
IT'S DAWN.

KASUMI ALSO SEEMS VERY WEAK
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, HE'S EXHAUSTED.
IT SEEMS LIKE KANOU HAS SOMEHOW FINISHED BURYING MY DEAD BODY.
ALTHOUGH IT'S SUMMER THE GARDEN GETS COOL IN THE EVENING
AND HE HAS NEVER SLEPT ON THE GROUND BEFORE
WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE ABSENTLY?
WHAT IS IT KANOU?
BEFORE LONG WON'T THE SUNLIGHT POUR INTO THE GARDEN AND BURN KASUMI'S SKIN?
IF YOU DON'T TAKE KASUMI TO HIS BED IN THE MANSION

LOOK!
KASUMI IS AWAKE
KAAO ..?
AA...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WON'T YOU GO OVER TO HIS SIDE?
RUSH OVER AND WRAP HIM UP LIKE USUAL
CAN'T YOU WARM HIM IN YOUR ARMS?
KA...
KA...
NGU...?
YES.
I SEE

YOU CHOSE HIM...
NOW...
AH...?
AH
AH
KANEKI...
KAN
OH

AND SO
THE GUARDIANS END THEIR DUTY
AND LEAVE THIS MANSION BEHIND
end

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read it with the lights down low
if you dare...

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AT THAT TIME, I GUESS I LOOKED TO BE AT A LOSS
Show Me Heaven
MY PLAN FOR TODAY WENT UP IN SMOKE AFTER THE PHONE CONVERSATION THAT LASTED LESS THAN A MINUTE
AND THE BOUQUET OF FLOWERS IN MY HAND HAD NOWHERE TO GO
DID YOU GET DUMPED, ONII-SAN?
SO...
YOU'VE BEEN STANDING HERE LOOKING BLANK FOR OVER AN HOUR NOW.

Show Me Heaven

ショウ ミー ヘヴン

I ENDED UP LETTING THIS STRAY CAT-LIKE GUY COME NEAR ME
IT RUINS YOUR GOOD LOOKS
A SMILE OF A SKINNY GUY OPENS UP A CLOSED-MINDED MAN'S HEART.
WARMING UP BOTH YOUR HEART AND BODY. MOVING STORY FOR WINTERTIME. ONE-SHOT, 40 PAGES.

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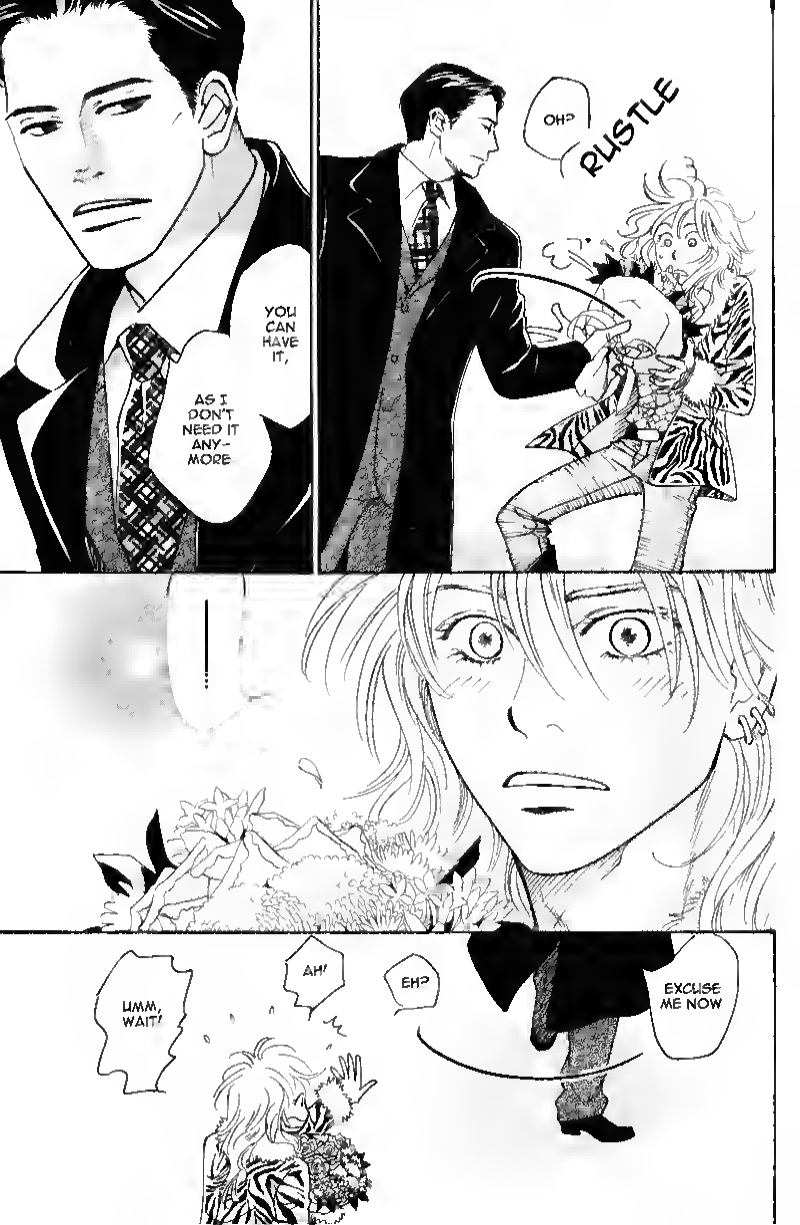
HEHEH
HE LOOKS LIKE SUCH A FRIVOLOUS MAN
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I GOT STOOD UP, TOO!
WELL, ACTUALLY, I WAS ALSO MEETING UP WITH MY DARLING MYSELF--
HE AND I HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON
HE LIVES IN A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN I DO UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS
I WAS SO MAD AND FRUSTRATED ABOUT IT, BUT THEN I FOUND YOU WHO LOOKED MORE DEPRESSED THAN MYSELF!
SO, I THOUGHT THAT MAKES THE TWO OF US
HOW ANNOYING
HEY, WAIT!
Turn
WELL?
SINCE WE WERE BOTH STOOD UP, WHY DON'T WE BOTH GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER...?

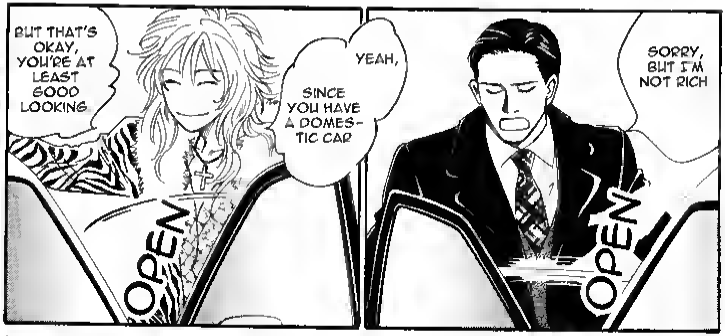
EVERYTHING GETS ON MY NERVES
WAIT
THE TOWN'S ATMOSPHERE IN DECEMBER, THE MERRY LOVERS, AND THE HAPPY FAMILIES
WHAT'S WITH YOU! WHY ARE YOU IGNORING ME,
POM
POM
WHEN I'M BEING KIND ENOUGH TO OFFER YOU COMFORT...
AM I THE ONE WHO'S BEING RIDICULOUS HERE
TRYING TO MAKE TODAY SPECIAL BY HAVING AN UNSUITABLE BOUQUET LIKE THIS PREPARED?
HEY ---!
I SAID,
サロン
カラオケ
1F
2F
ラブ

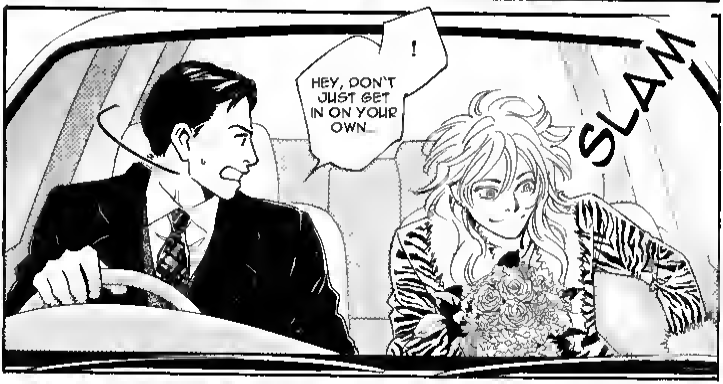

YOU CAN HAVE IT, AS I DON'T NEED IT ANY-MORE
OH?
RUSTLE
!!
EXCUSE ME NOW
EH?
AH!
UMM, WAIT!

THAT'S YOURS NOW
IF YOU DON'T NEED IT, JUST THROW IT AWAY
WHATEVER YOU THINK IS FINE.
YOU USED ME AS A HANDY TRASHCAN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HEY, LISTEN!
Orefie
!
B1
B1
P
空車
HMMM
I SEE

I WOULD HESITATE TO GET SUCH A BOUQUET FULL OF MISERY, TOO
IT'S NOT FULL OF MISERY DON'T WORRY
I DO!
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
HM--? WELL, YOU KNOW,
THEY SAY, "YOU NEVER GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING", HUH?
SWING AROUND
SIGH
OKAY
GIVE IT BACK TO ME, THEN
NO WAY!
BLAH
I'M GOING TO BE YOUR DATE FOR THE DAY,
HOW DOES THAT SOUND~?
IN PLACE OF THE PERSON WHO WAS SUPPOSE TO TAKE THIS BOUQUET!!
HMM?
HUH?
OH, I HAVE AN IDEA!
THEN JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO..!?

*GENJI-NA: PROFESSIONAL NAME OR NICK USED MOSTLY BY NIGHTCLUB HOSTS/HOSTESSES AND SEX-TRADE WORKERS





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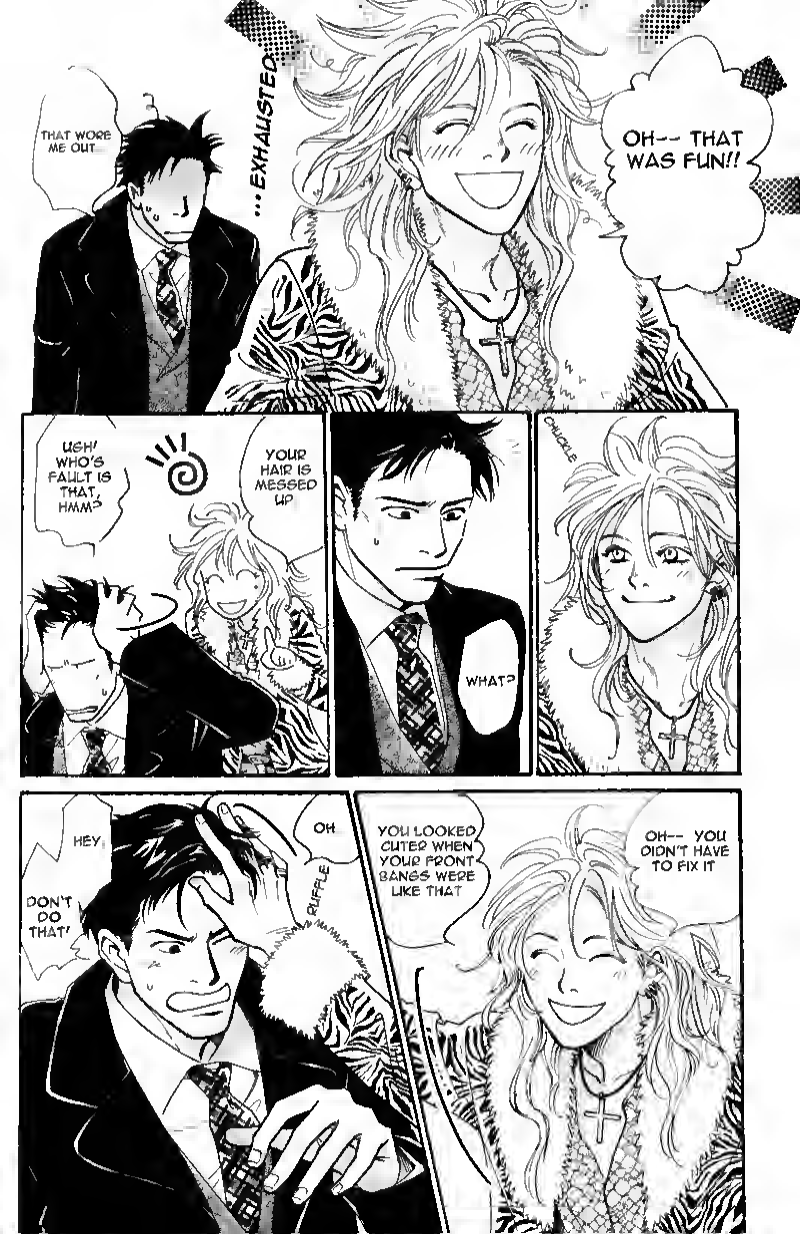
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN ...?
WOW---
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS BEFORE.
TICKET
YOU LIAR.
I COULD'VE DROPPED HIM OFF SOMEWHERE
WHY DID I END UP COMING ALL THE WAY TO A PLACE LIKE THIS ANYWAYS ...?
A MAN WHO'S WEAK AT ADLIBBING.
OH!!
WOW!!
IT'S JUST
SOOO BRIGHT AND SPARKLING AND FUZZY!
IS HE ACTUALLY HAPPY?
?
NO WAY

THOSE FLOWERS...
HMM?
!!
WOULD BE A BOTHER TO TAKE ALONG WITH YOU IN THIS CROWD OF PEOPLE
YOU COULD'VE LEFT THEM IN MY CAR...
OH--? DOES THAT MEAN YOU WILL GIVE ME A RIDE BACK TOO?
ERR, UM.. WELL, THAT'S-
(MUTTERING INAUDIBLE)
NEVER MIND, THEY'RE ALREADY MINE
I'M FREE TO DO ANYTHING WITH THEM, RIGHT?
THIS STRAY CAT
SPEAKS SHREWDLY AND ACTS SLY LIKE AN ADULT BUT THEN HE ODDLY SHOWS ME THE FACE OF A CHILD
HE KNOCKS ME OFF STRIDE...
HEY--- WITH THAT ASIDE,
LET'S HAVE FUN INSTEAD SINCE WE'RE HERE AFTER ALL!
COME ON!
HUH?

AHHH! THAT ONE,
I WANT TO RIDE THAT ONE!
----H-HEY!
B-BUT...
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING FOR A GROWN MAN TO RIDE, IS IT?
SIGH
THIS PLACE IS FOR ONLY GIRLS AND CHILDREN TO HANG OUT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WE CAME HERE TOGETHER THERE'S NO POINT IF WE DON'T RIDE TOGETHER, HUH?!
I'LL JUST WAIT FOR YOU HERE, SO YOU GO AHEAD BY YOURSELF
ERR... I'LL PASS
TAP TAP
WH-
JUST THINK ABOUT IT FOR A MINUTE
NO WONDER YOU GOT STOOD UP.
HUH ?
DO YOU
ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THAT?

GRIN
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE COME TO SUCH AN EXCITING, FANTASTIC PLACE,
THE OLD MAN IN FRONT OF ME IS SCOWLING AND LECTURING ME. I CAN'T HAVE FUN LIKE THAT!
LET'S GO!
SPLA~SH
ZING!
WHIRL
MERRY-GO-ROUND
OH NO, NOT THAT ONE!


OH-- THAT WAS FUN!!
...EXHAUSTED
THAT WORE ME OUT...
YOUR HAIR IS MESSED UP
UGH! WHO'S FAULT IS THAT, HMM?
CHUCKLE
WHAT?
OH-- YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO FIX IT
YOU LOOKED CUTER WHEN YOUR FRONT BANGS WERE LIKE THAT
OH
RUFFLE
HEY
DON'T DO THAT!

PULL
HEY, YOU! DON'T MAKE FUN OF GROWN-UPS!
AH
STAGGER
OHH
THADUMP
AH
OH,
I'M SORRY
RELEASE
GR~ROWL
GROWL

HEHE
WHAT ON EARTH AM I DOING HERE ...?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE THIS MORNING!
WELL, I DON'T USUALLY HAVE BREAKFAST ANYWAY, THOUGH
MUNCH MUNCH
OR IT'S MORE LIKE I DON'T GET UP IN THE MORNING
MUNCH MUNCH
DON'T TALK AND EAT AT THE SAME TIME
TO HAVE A TEENAGER-LIKE DATE WITH A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING PERSON LIKE HIM...
sigh
ANYWAY
HE DOES LOOK LIKE HE ENJOYS EATING
'... WHAT'S WRONG? YOU HAVEN'T EATEN MUCH.'

THAT GIRL
SHE DOESN'T EAT MUCH TO BEGIN WITH NOR DOES SHE EVEN SHOW ME A HAPPY EXPRESSION LIKE HE DOES
'I DON'T WANT ANY-MORE'
YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT? SHALL WE ORDER SOME-THING ELSE?'
'I'VE HAD ENOUGH'
WHERE ON EARTH DID WE GO WRONG?
EAT-ING?
OH, YOU MUST BE KIDDING...!
Squeal
You called me 'Ossan' at first though
DO I LOOK THAT OLD?
'OS-SAN' YOU SAY
You did
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT, OSSAN"?
OH
WHAT?
*Ossan: CASUAL/RUDE WORD MEANING UNCLE OR OLD MAN

EH?
WHAT IS IT?
HMM?
Scrape
OSSAN?

MAYA..!
WHAT? DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HUH?
No I don't Let's go!

scratch scratch
I GOT IT!
YOU MUST BE DIVORCED
AND YOUR EX-WIFE HAS CUSTODY OF YOUR ONLY DAUGHTER
AND ALTHOUGH TODAY IS YOUR MONTHLY VISITATION DAY, YOUR DAUGHTER IS AT A DIFFICULT AGE AND STOOD YOU UP, I SUPPOSE
WELL? AM I RIGHT?
SO THE PERSON YOU WERE WAITING FOR IS ALSO CALLED MAYA, RIGHT?
IS SHE IN HER FIRST YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OR COULD SHE BE IN ELEMENTARY?
ARE YOU A LOLI-CON*?
*LOLI-CON: PEDOPHILE
MAYA IS MY DAUGHTER
OKAY, OKAY GEEZ, CAN'T A PERSON EVEN JOKE AROUND WITH THIS OSSAN AT ALL?
WELL I UNDERSTAND JUST BY OBSERVING

I SEE. I'M USING THE SAME NAME AS YOUR LOVELY DAUGHTER FOR MY TRADE NAME. YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT IT, AREN'T YOU?
THAT EXPLAINS WHY YOU DON'T CALL ME BY NAME
ANGRY?
NO
I'VE COME TO MY SENSES NOW
THERE'S NO POINT IN BEING HERE ANY-MORE
YEAH
YOU LEAVING?
BUT IT'S ONLY BEEN MY IMAG-INATION
I'VE ENJOYED THE PAST FEW HOURS BEING WITH THIS STRAY CAT
HMM
THAT'S TOO BAD

I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PRICES IN THIS KIND OF BUSINESS BUT
I'VE BOUGHT ROUGHLY FOUR HOURS OF YOUR TIME ALREADY
HUH?
HOW MUCH?
HOW MUCH SHOULD I PAY YOU?
THOSE WILTED FLOWERS ARE FAR FROM ENOUGH, AREN'T THEY?
*SFX THWACK

WHAT
IS THAT HOW YOU SEE ME??

I KNOW!
I KNOW IT'S TRUE THAT I SCREW PERVERTED GUYS OUT OF THEIR MONEY FOR A LIVING, BUT
BUT TODAY I
.....
BLUSH
FORGET IT!
Turn
OH
HEY?
HEY
YOU!
YOU!
MA-

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
HE WAS THE ONE WHO FOLOWED ME OF HIS OWN ACCORD IN THE FIRST PLACE
SO WHY DO I FEEL GUILTY SEEING HIM LOOKING SAD AND HURT LIKE THAT?
HE WASN'T AFTER MY MONEY?
REALLY, WHAT A NUISANCE
DEF-INITELY
...!

BOOM
SO YOU LIKED THAT BOUQUET OF FLOWERS ALOT, EH?
BUT THEY'RE ALREADY WILTED AND FALLEN SEE?

I DON'T CARE
IT'S STILL BEAUTIFUL ENOUGH AS IT IS
Turn
UH
ABOUT EARLIER
I'M SORRY
I NEVER MEANT TO INSULT YOU
IT'S 'SHINYA'
EH?
'SHINYA'
IS MY REAL NAME
I SEE ...
'SHINY'
NICE NAME, ISN'T IT?
TO-DAY
ISN'T MY FIRST TIME SEEING YOU
Whoa?
I OFTEN USE IT TO MEET UP WITH MY CUSTOMERS AS WELL
THAT PLACE BY THE CHRIST-MAS TREE
SO I'VE SEEN YOU WAITING THERE FOR SOMEONE MANY TIMES
WITH A FROWN ON YOUR FACE

I COULD TELL YOU WERE PARENT AND CHILD IN ONE GLANCE
BOTH OF YOUR LOOKS AND YOUR ATTITUDES WERE SO ALIKE
I COULDN'T KEEP MYSELF FROM LAUGHING
BUT THE ONE WHO DID WAS JUST A GIRL WITH A FROWNING FACE
I WAS EXPECTING A BEAUTIFUL LADY TO SHOW UP
LIKE WALKING ARM IN ARM AND CHATTING A LOT
YOU'D BE SMILING AT ME
AND HAVING TEA OR SOMETHING SITTING DOWN FACE TO FACE
'IF I WERE HER, I'D WANT MORE
WATCHING THE TWO OF YOU, MY THOUGHTS WERE ALWAYS
What an awkward distance...
I WAS THINKING, IF WE COULD WATCH THE BEAUTIFUL NIGHT VIEW SIDE BY SIDE LIKE THIS
I'D SURELY FEEL LIKE I'M IN HEAVEN

!
HEH
I GOT WEIRD AS I WAS TALKING
THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN IN A PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP
I KNEW I'D SCREW IT UP
AS THERE'S AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE AFTER ALL
I FEEL AS IF
HE WAS TELLING ME THAT HE LOVED ME
UM
ERR
WELL
Grab
Lick
DON'T WORRY! I WON'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU
IT'S JUST THAT I HAPPENED TO HAVE HAD A NICE DREAM TODAY!

BYE!
IT WAS FUN
IT'S WISE TO LEAVE HERE LIKE THIS
PROBABLY
I'M NOT GAY
AND ALTHOUGH I'M DIVORCED, I DO HAVE A DAUGHTER
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO GET INVOLVED ANY LONGER, IS THERE?
I'VE LIVED MY LIFE WITH CIRCUMSPECTION SO FAR, HAVEN'T I?
DON'T GET SWAYED BY A FIT OF EMOTIONS

AS A SENSIBLE ADULT
'I FEEL SUFFOCATED WHEN I'M WITH YOU
AS A RESPONSIBLE FATHER
'PAPA, YOU SEE ME JUST BECAUSE YOU FEEL OBLIGED, DON'T YOU?'
RIGHT
FROM TOMORROW ON, I'LL RETURN TO MY ORDINARY LIFE
TO THE SAME OLD LIFE
THAT I LEAD ALL ALONE

dash
SHINYA

...I DON'T...
...REALLY KNOW...
HOTEL City
HOTEL

IS THIS PITY?
OR IS THIS CURIOSITY?
WHAT TO CALL THIS FEELING
HEHE
YOU LOOK PUZZLED
BUT
WELL
IT DOESN'T MATTER
THAT'S WHAT I THINK I WANT
I JUST WANT TO MAKE HIM WARM
AND COMFORT HIM

'CAUSE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS
Kiss
AH
WAIT
HOLD ON A MINUTE
THE POSITION LIKE THIS
Of course
NEVER MIND THAT'
YOU ONLY NEED TO LIE DOWN
AND FEEL IT
CLOSE YOUR EYES
AND RELAX

AH
!
AHH
THERE YOU GO
NO NEED TO HES-ITATE JUST FEEL IT
λaa
WHAT'S THIS
I'M THE ONE TO BE COM-FORTED AREN'T I ?
SO
HOW'S THIS?
λa
λa
λa
λaa
DO YOU FEEL GOOD?
YES
FEELS SO GOOD
ME TOO
λa

AS IF
I'M IN HEAVEN
HIS THIN, HARD BODY
WAS VERY WARM

THE NEXT MORNING
WHEN I WOKE UP, SHINYA AND THE BOUQUET OF FLOWERS WERE GONE
OH
'IT WAS JUST A ONE NIGHT STAND', I THOUGHT
Thanks
Bye
AND I WENT BACK TO MY ORDINARY LIFE
I CALLED MY DAUGHTER
AND KIND OF FORCED HER TO MAKE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT
I MET WITH HER ON THE WEEKEND, BUT WE HAD A BIT OF AN ARGUMENT THEN AS AN EXCUSE TO APOLOGIZE MADE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH HER
AND TODAY, AGAIN
I'VE BEEN STANDING HERE, HOLDING A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT THE DAY THAT I PROMISED TO MEET WITH MY DAUGHTER

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND THE NEW YEAR'S PINE DECORATIONS ARE GONE NOW AND THE WHOLE CITY HAS THAT VALENTINE'S DAY FEEL TO IT
I'M SURE I LOOK TO BE AT A LOSS AGAIN
I DESERVE IT, AS I VE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL NEVER SHOW UP
BUT I REALLY WANT TO GIVE THIS BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AT ANY COST
THE FLOWERS I PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR HIM
AND ...

Warm and desperate thoughts land gently upon him together with an angel♡

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
bad-luck

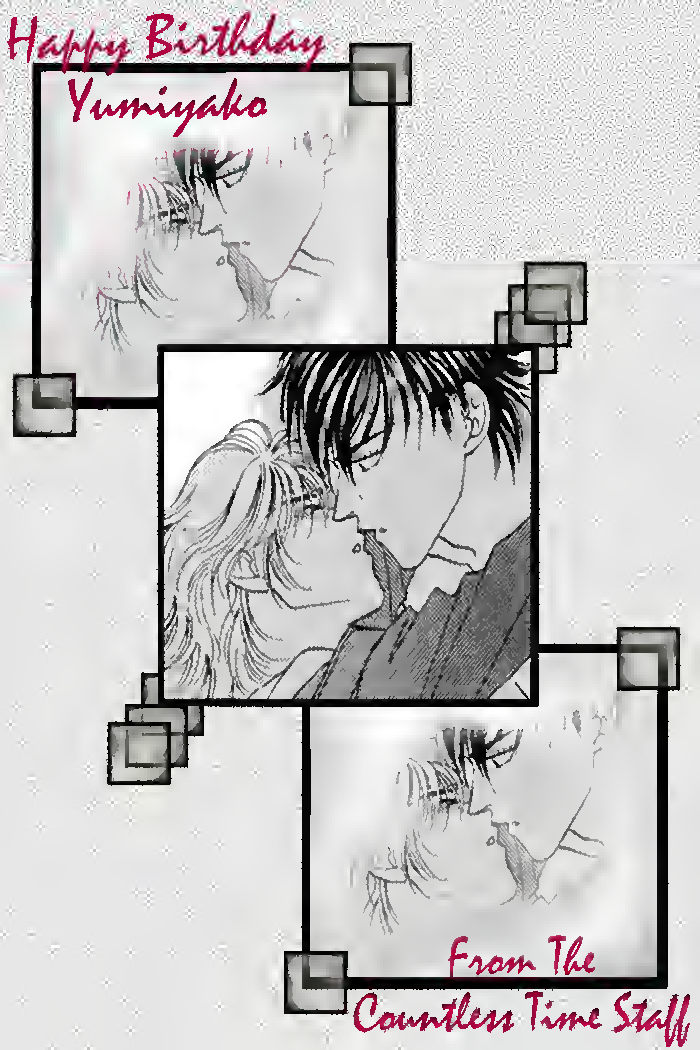
From the staff of Countless Time

Happy Birthday Revie

From Your
Countless Time Staff

Hope you have a wonderful day!!

Hugs and kisses...
...and all that good stuff!!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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY

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...THE DAZZLING SKY,
THE UNBEARABLY BEAUTIFUL
DEEP BLUE?

DO YOU KNOW...

WHAT'S THERE...

...ON THE
SIDE?

国枝彩香

NOBODY LIKES ATTENDING FUNERALS.
THOSE CLOSEST TO THE DEPARTED FIND IT HARDEST TO ACCEPT THEIR DEATHS.
THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW THEM WELL ARE LEFT FEELING UNSURE AND HELPLESS.
...ALTHOUGH, MY MELANCHOLY IS NOT QUITE THE SAME AS THAT FEELING.
I WAS HIS UNDERCLASSMAN ON THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM IN HIGH SCHOOL...
AH, NO, I...
WERE YOU A RELATIVE OF HIS?
IGA-RASHI
五十川

I WAS A YEAR YOUNGER THAN HE WAS YOUSUKE-SENPAI OFTEN LOOKED AFTER ME
MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE OUR FAMILY NAMES WERE BOTH IGARASHI
A GOOD PER-SON
THAT WAS SOMETHING I ALSO FIRMLY BELIEVED...
IT'S TRUE THAT GOOD PEOPLE DIE YOUNG...
HE WAS PLANNING TO GET MARRIED THAT DAY
HE WAS CHEERFUL AND MANLY AND VERY RELIABLE
TAMO-TSU?
UNTIL THAT NIGHT TEN YEARS AGO

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
!
NOMIYA-SENPAI?
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
LIAR

I KNOW YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME
YOU'RE
EH?
TALLER
HOW TALL ARE YOU NOW?
182 MAYBE 183
IS THAT SO? YOU GREW OVER 10 CMS
YOU USED TO BE SO SMALL AND CUTE
HE HE
SMALL... I WAS ABOUT AVERAGE THEN
AH
IT WAS YOU GUYS WHO WERE TOO TALL..
OH NO...
...HE?
WHO ARE YOU REFERRING TO?

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE THAT INCIDENT.
YES.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT WAS STRANGE.
THE THREE OF US HAD VERY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES.
I
AHAHA
IT'S OKAY WHO ELSE CAN YOU MEAN ASIDE FROM HIM?
AND IT'S TRUE, I WAS WITH YOU LIKE ALL THE TIME BACK THEN.
THAT GUY ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER YOU LIKE A YOUNGER BROTHER.

BACK THEN
(Huh)
(Huh)
EH
LET'S BRING IT UP 10 CM NEXT TIME.
I WANTED TO QUIT LONGJUMP, WHICH I'D BEEN DOING SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I COULDN'T BREAK MY RECORD NO MATTER WHAT.
OKAY, NOMIYA! YOU'RE DOING WELL TODAY!
ぐんっ
YEESH, THAT GUY ALWAYS FINDS IT SO EASY
(Huh)
(Huh)
...BUT I COULDN'T FIND A REASON TO LEAVE

YOU LIKE SENPAI!
MAYBE BECAUSE OF THIS PERSON
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S SET SOME AMAZING RECORD OR ANYTHING
BUT WHEN HE JUMPS IT'S DIFFERENT
IT'S LIKE...
WHOA
Idiot, try harder!
AH...
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T WORK
SEE?
HE DOESN'T MIND AT ALL THAT HE FAILED
Click

HEY, SATOSHI!
EH?
TAMOTSU SAYS YOU LOOK TOTALLY COOL!
HE SAYS THE WAY YOU KNOCKED DOWN THE BAR LOOKED REALLY NICE!
Senpai
AH...
OKAY, OKAY, WE'LL JUST PRETEND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
BACK THEN, THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM HAD TWO PEOPLE WITH THE FAMILY NAME IGARASHI, SO EVERYONE CALLED US BY OUR FIRST NAMES
SATOSHI-SENPAI DID SO AS WELL, OF COURSE
HEY, DON'T SLACK OFF, YOU LIKE!
SENPAI!
THAT JUST NOW
I KNOW
YOU WOULDN'T SAY STUPID THINGS LIKE THAT.

I WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT THAT
ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T CALL HIM SATOSHI, LIKE YOUSUKE-SENPAI DID
AH I'M SO HUNGRY!
HEY LET'S GRAB SOME FOOD BEFORE WE GO BACK, OKAY? SATOSHI?
OKAY WHERE?
How stink of sweat...
I PROMISED HER I'D GO HOME WITH HER TODAY!
Sorry!
GEEZ HURRY AND GO!
Ah damn!!
WHY IS SOMEONE SO SLOPPY
SO POPULAR?

年明けより、こんかい連載させていただきます。
後編もぜひ読んでくださいね。

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...TAMO-TSU?

YOUSUKE. HUH?
I HEARD EVEN HIS CORPSE HAD BEEN BURNED TO ASHES

SURPRISE
HE WAS DRIVING TOO FAST AND COULDN'T TURN IN TIME
DROVE RIGHT THROUGH THE FENCE. THE CAR WENT DOWN IN A BALL OF FLAMES
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD ANYWAY

WHAT ARE YOU STARING INTO SPACE FOR?
AH...
S-SORRY.
HAHA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT DYING LIKE THIS IS SO LIKE HIM?
!!!
"NO."
"I CAN'T STAY WITH HIM LIKE THIS."
YOU ALWAYS LOOKED HARRASSED.
GETTING TEASED ALL THE TIME BY ME AND YOUSUKE.
AN ALARM WENT OFF SOMEWHERE IN MY MIND
HOHO...
YOU LOOK DISTURBED.
I JUST DIDN'T NOTICE...
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...
...MAYBE AN ALARM WENT OFF THAT DAY TOO.

I COULD HAVE TAKEN IT HOME THE NEXT DAY.
WHY DID I ESPECIALLY GO BACK TO THE CLUB ROOM?
CHATTER
WHO'S THERE...?
CLACK
?
THAT DAY...
WAS THE FALL OF MY SECOND YEAR. ALL THE THIRD-YEARS HAD ALREADY RETIRED FROM THE TEAM.
AH...
MY SHIRT NUMBER'S FALLING OFF, I GOTTA BRING IT HOME.

KINZUIO
REGARDE

CLOSE THE DOOR AND COME OVER!
AH!
COME ON, TAMOTSU!
HURRY!
I...
AH...
BACK THEN...
SLAM

HOLD HIS HANDS DOWN! HE KEEPS SQUIRMING AND I CAN'T KEEP HIM DOWN!
CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING?
S-
Senpai
What are you doing...?
Nah
STRUGGLE
WHY DIDN'T I REFUSE?

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D SEEN YOUSUKE-SENPAI SO VICIOUS
I WAS SO SCARED I COULDN'T MOVE
HEY. BE GOOD AND DON'T MOVE SATOSHI
HMPH! EVERYONE'S LIKE THAT AT THE START
B-but...
S-senpai he doesn't want to...

Hah...
!
BAS-
TARD!
Hah.
Hah.
SMACK
BANG

Senpai
Uuh...
Uuh...
Nnh...
PULL
LOOK, TAMOTSU!
HE'S ALREADY HALF-ERECT
Hmm...
HMPH
HEY, SATOSHI!
LET ME HAVE A CLOSER LOOK
PUSH

GASP
SATOSHI
Ba DUMP
Gulp
Ba DUMP

HEY...
SATOSHI.
HNFF
YOU CAN, RIGHT? YOU...
STARTLE
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO PERFECT AND PRETTY SUCH A POSER
BUT YOU'RE A MAN TOO, AREN'T YOU?
HM? IT'S FINE, RIGHT?
LET ME SEE YOUR FACE...
SATOSHI
SHIVER
TAMO-TSU
STARTLE
HELP ME OUT HERE

IN THE FACE OF WORDS AS CRUEL AS THOSE
COM'ON!
AFTER I'M DONE YOU CAN HAVE A TURN TOO.
HIS FACE WHEN HE FEELS SOMETHING. WHEN HE'S SATIATED.
YOU WANT TO SEE TOO, DON'T YOU?
WHY WASN'T I ABLE TO RESIST?
OKAY
HOLD HIM DOWN
No..!
Uuh..

THAT WAS...
I'M ALMOST AT MY LIMIT, TOO
Hah
A CRUEL EXPRESSION COMPLETELY UNSUITED TO THE CHEERFUL YOUSUKE-SENPAI...
JAP
HEY HOLD HIM DOWN PROPERLY!

OKAY
...
STAPLE
OKAY
...
NOW WATCH CLOSELY.
UGH!
GRASP
WHEN THIS GOES IN...
AH...!
ARGH!
UGH...!

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER SEEN THAT WITH MY OWN EYES IT WAS HORRIBLE AND VIVID.
IT WAS TOO TERRIBLE TO LOOK AT...
HIS RAGGED BREATHING AND...
...RISING BODY TEMPERATURE.
HIS SKIN, SLICK WITH SWEAT.
...BUT I COULDN'T TEAR MY EYES AWAY.

NO
I WANTED TO SEE THIS
THE WAY THIS PERSON WAS RAVAGED
HOW HE WAS COVERED WITH SWEAT AND TEARS AND SEMEN, WRITHING IN PAIN.

START!

SEN-
SENPAI
-?
HAHA...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAMOTSU?
DID YOU WANT TO CONTINUE WHERE YOU LEFT OFF THAT TIME?

IT'S RARE THAT WE MEET
I THINK DOING IT IS MORE MEANINGFUL THAN REMINISCING ABOUT THE BORING PAST.
...
HEY
SLAP
AH.

REALLY, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL, TAMOTSU.
!
CREAK
AH! I'M SORRY!
YOU DIDN'T MANAGE TO DO ANYTHING THAT TIME, EITHER...
Ahah
Ah
Ahah

Uh
WE HAD AN AGREEMENT RIGHT?
IT'S YOUR TURN.
Ahhhh...
TAMO-TSU
Ugh...
THIS TIME, YOU DO IT
Drip
Drip
STEP
I'VE ALREADY OPENED THE WAY FOR YOU.
IT'S EASY TO GO IN NOW.
COME ON...

HAVEN'T YOU ALWAYS BEEN WATCHING HIM TOO?
DON'T PRETEND NOW.
WHAT'S THIS?
PLEH
No...!
YOU CAME JUST WATCHING US?
OH, IS THAT IT?
OR IS IT THAT
I'VE HAD MY FUN.
IT'S FINE.
muffle

YOU TWO GO AHEAD AND GET ALONG NOW, OKAY?
...
Are you okay?
S-senpai?
AH...
SLAP
...GO HOME.

HE REJECTED ME OUTRIGHT.
DON'T TOUCH ME.
BUT OF COURSE
Slam

I'M A LOWLIFE
I SHOULD HAVE SAVED HIM.
NOT ONLY DID I NOT MANAGE THAT, I HELPED YOUSUKE-SENPAI
IT COULDN'T BE HELPED THAT HE HATES ME AND LOOKS DOWN ON ME
BUT
THE HEAT IN MY BODY WOULDN'T FADE AWAY NO MATTER WHAT.

WE WEREN'T IN THE SAME YEAR, SO WE DIDN'T MEET AGAIN. THE TWO OF THEM GRADUATED, JUST LIKE THAT...
I WALKED AROUND WITH MY HEAD DOWN AT SCHOOL.
THE NEXT DAY, I QUIT THE CLUB.
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW DEEP DOWN...
THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.
AND IN THE TEN YEARS THAT FOLLOWED
I DID MY BEST TO FORGET THAT NIGHT.

WE AREN'T GOING TO...
AH, OKAY.
I'M GOING THIS WAY THEN.
GOOD-BYE
MEET AGAIN, ARE WE?
I'M SO STUPID.
EVEN NOW, WHAT AM I TRYING TO HOLD ONTO?
sigh
IN THE END, FOR HIM, I'M STILL...
TAMOTSU
KSHH

Bedump
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING GOOD...
I KILLED YOUSUKE
I
Fen

Ha
ha
ha!
Ah!
SHOVE
KSHH

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"I KILLED YOUSUKE"
YOUSUKE-SENPAI DIED IN AN ACCIDENT
HOW CAN THAT BE?
IMPOS-SIBLE

DID YOU WAIT LONG, IGARASHI KUN?
IF THERE WAS ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, THE POLICE WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED IT
AH...
IT DIDN'T WORK AFTER ALL
EH? AREN'T YOU TRYING TO QUIT SMOKING?
AH...
YES
OH? YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE IT.
I'M VERY WEAK TOWARDS TEMPTATION.

AFTER THAT NIGHT...
Mm...

BEFORE THAT, I STILL HAD SOME BELIEF IN THIN'S LIKE REASON OR JUSTICE.
I COULDN'T TRUST MYSELF ANYMORE

I FINALLY ADMITTED TO IT.
I WAS A WEAK PERSON WHO WAS EASILY SWAYED.
BUT THOSE MEANT NOTHING WHEN IT CAME TO SOMETHING LIKE DESIRE.

I SEE HIS SILHOUETTE
EVEN NOW...
WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES

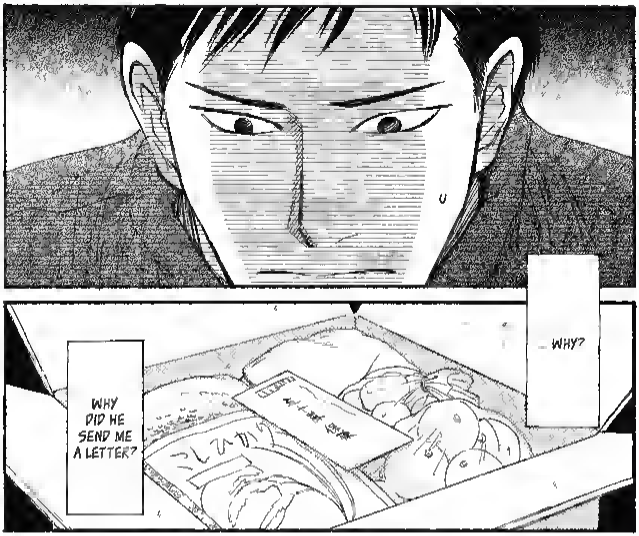
NO MATTER HOW MANY MONTHS OR YEARS PASS...
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF GIRL I GO OUT WITH...

I STILL HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED ANY PLEASURE BEYOND WHAT I EXPERIENCED THAT NIGHT...

I ALWAYS FEEL THAT IGARASHI-KUN IS ALOOF AND VERY COLD
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU ACTUALLY LIKE ME
HM?
WELL...
LET'S END THIS
I SEE...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
AH...
I'M ALREADY TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD.
WHEN I THINK OF THE FUTURE, I DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE A MEANINGLESS RELATIONSHIP LIKE THIS ONE
I'M SORRY

Slap
GOOD-BYE
...
Di ct Peculier aren t you?
SO USELESS
A MAN LIKE ME...

Playing messages
Tomatsu?
I sent some tangerines and rice over to you by express.
Oh, and there were some letters that were addressed to you.
CLACK
They were from someone named Igarashi.
Same name, but he's not a relative.



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LETTER PLEASE!
恐ろしやノロウィルス…。この本が出る頃には冬たち着い
てるものでしょうか…。
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WHAT DID...
...HE SEND THIS TO ME FOR?
回転すし
BAR

GARA
WEL-
COME...
I
TOMA-
TSU...

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
SORRY...
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD COME
CLOSED

HMP NO
HAS SENPAI ALWAYS BEEN HERE?
UNTIL LAST YEAR, I WAS STILL AT MY COMPANY'S DORMS
MY MOTHER FELL ILL, SO I CAME BACK HERE
IF YOU GO UPSTAIRS, YOU CAN EVEN SEE THE FIELD
THAT'S RIGHT
CLOSE TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL
THIS IS !
shup

Eh
Then your mother
SHE PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR
Ah
T-Then
my condolences
Ha ha ha
IT'S OKAY, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT
EVERYONE HAS TO DIE SOMETIME
Sigh
SO THEN
Phew
YOU DIDN'T COME HERE TO CHITCHAT, DID YOU, TOMATSU?
I
THIS IS

YOUSUKE-SENPAI MAILED ME THIS LETTER.
DATED JANUARY 14TH...
I THINK IT WAS POSTED BEFORE THE ACCIDENT.
AH...
IS THAT SO?

...YOU'RE NOT GOING TO READ IT?
WHY SHOULD I? ISN'T IT ADDRESSED TO YOU?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO LOOK AT IT.
THEN...
...I'LL READ IT.
"DEAR TOM. - TSU..."

"I'M WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW SOMETHING."
"MAYBE BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS—"
"—I'LL BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD."
DAMNIT
MY VOICE IS TREMBLING
"WHETHER IT'S DISAPPEARANCE OR DEATH, I DON'T KNOW EITHER."
"I THINK IT'S UP TO SATOSHI."
"I WANT TO GIVE ALL OF MY LIFE TO HIM."
"IF I VANISH AND LEAVE HIM BEHIND"
"—AND HE STILL LOOKS UNHAPPY, YOU SHOULD HELP HIM."
"BECAUSE ALTHOUGH I'M THE REASON HE'S UNHAPPY YOU'RE ALSO PARTLY RESPONSIBLE."

BEFORE THIS SENPAI
...YOU SAID ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE FUNERAL...
"I WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUSUKE."
...YEAH
...HE'S SUCH A WILLFUL PERSON

IS THAT TRUE?
HA
THE TRUTH IS CLOSER TO "LEAVING HIM TO DIE", I GUESS...
THAT'S RIGHT
THE DAY OF THE ACCIDENT, I SAW YOUSUKE
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND
I WASN'T DATING HIM OR ANYTHING
I HADN'T SEEN HIM SINCE GRADUATION
BUT HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD MIND SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AND I JUST WENT AND SAW HIM, LIKE I DIDN'T MIND

IT'S KIND OF LIKE A SO-CALLED "POLITICAL MARRIAGE".
...I'VE DECIDED TO GET MARRIED.

SO AT THIS POINT, SATOSHI...
I'LL LET YOU DECIDE SOMETHING!
DECIDE
WHAT?

. HA.
CONGRATULATIONS, THEN

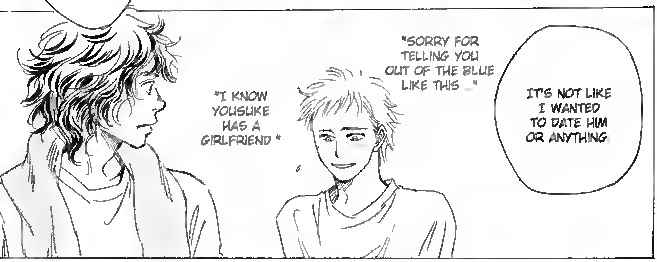
DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE WITH ME, JUST THE TWO OF US?
OR DO YOU WANT ME TO DISAPPEAR ON MY OWN?
WHAT? YOU'RE JOKING RIGHT?
Ha ha ha
DO I LOOK LIKE I'M JOKING?
Hup I do look like I'm joking
IDIOT!
YOU GO AHEAD AND DO WHATEVER YOU WANT

...IS THAT SO?
I UNDER-STAND
...AND THAT WAS IT
THAT'S THE END OF THE STORY
.....
SO...
I DIDN'T SEE WHAT HIS EXPRESSION WAS AT THE END
TAP
WAS HE SMILING? WAS HE ANGRY? I REALLY DON'T KNOW

HEY, TOMA-TSU.
THE HERO OF THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM THAT WE KNEW... WHAT KIND OF MAN WAS HE?
HONESTLY, I STILL DON'T KNOW EVEN NOW.
WHAT WAS HE THINKING?
THAT GUY...
CHEERFUL, STRONG, GENEROUS
HE'D SET NEW RECORDS AT TOURNAMENTS LIKE HE WASN'T EVEN TRYING...
I'D STAND AND WATCH HIM FROM FAR AWAY
AND I'D ALWAYS THINK
IT MUST FEEL GOOD TO RUN LIKE THAT

"THAT GUY"
" MUST REALLY FEEL GOOD WHEN HE'S JUMPING "
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT MAYBE...
!!
...SO...
HE'S SHOULDERING SOME HEAVY BURDEN ON HIS OWN...
OR THAT HE'S REALLY A SLOPPY PERSON
HE'S NOT ACTUALLY AS HAPPY AND CAREFREE AS HE LOOKS
I NEVER NOTICED AT ALL
HAHA
AND JUST LIKE THAT I CONFESSED TO HIM
IN THE CLUB-ROOM
I TOLD HIM THAT I LIKED HIM

YEAH.
IT WAS THAT DAY.
AFTER THE CLUB EVENTS WERE DONE WE WERE THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE LEFT
BECAUSE WE BOTH HAD TO RETIRE FROM THE CLUB AFTER THAT, WE'D HAVE FEWER OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET
I SURE WAS A ROMANTIC BACK THEN


IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO DATE HIM OR ANYTHING
"SORRY FOR TELLING YOU OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS..."
"I KNOW YOUSUKE HAS A GIRLFRIEND."

"I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS BEFORE GRADUATION."
"HA."
"EH?"
"THEN ARE YOU GOING TO LET ME DO IT?"

"YOU LIKE ME, RIGHT?"
"LET ME DO IT."
HE WAS LIKE ANOTHER PERSON.
AND YOU KNOW WELL WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS
.....
!
SEN PAI...

I...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT HAPPENED THAT TIME... I DON'T THINK I WOULD EVER BE FORGIVEN FOR IT.
BUT...
BUT, AT LEAST...
IF THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD DO...
THEN...
CLACK
HOHO
IS THAT RIGHT?
NOW THEN...
TOMA-TSU.
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

WHY DON'T YOU DIE TOO?
IF YOU'RE DEAD TOO...
...NOBODY WILL KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT
MAYBE IF THAT HAPPENED IT WOULD BE EASIER ON ME...
WELL?
FOR AN INSTANT
...MY FAMILY AND MY WORK FLASHED THROUGH MY MIND
THIS IS IDIOTIC...

I FELT HAPPY
THE FINGERS OF THE PERSON I'D ALWAYS WANTED WERE AROUND MY THROAT...
BUT COMPARED TO THAT...
AH...
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT NIGHT...
WHAT'S THIS FEELING?
I WANTED TO FIGHT BACK, BUT MY DESIRE...
LIKE I'D GONE INSANE...

BUMP
CRASH
!!!
Cough!
Hah
Hah
Hah
Cough
Cough

Cough
Sen
Senpai
Cough
Why...
Haha...
Haha...
AREN'T I SUPPOSED TO FEEL BETTER JUST BECAUSE YOUSUKE DIED?
IF YOU DIED TOO,...
SO WHAT?
...I WANTED TO KILL HIM.
BUT NOW, IT'S TURNED INTO HATE.
...I... LOVED HIM...
AND THEN AS I WANTED, HE DIED...
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL BETTER AT ALL

SENPAI...
GRAB
TOMA-TSU
Senpai?
I'M IN SO MUCH PAIN...
THAT NIGHT ISN'T GOING TO GO AWAY...

HELP ME, TOMATSU...
SAVE ME...

WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT...
...I ALWAYS REGRETTED IT.
"WHY DID I JOIN IN ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT?"
"WHY DIDN'T I RESIST YOUSUKE-SENPAI?"
COUNTLESS WHYS AND HOWS AND DIFFERENT SCENARIOS FILED UP...
AND THE HEAVIEST AMONGST THEM WAS THAT SINFUL MEMORY...
"WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE, WHY DIDN'T I HOLD HIM...?"

WARM HIS COLD BODY
GENTLY KISS HIS TEAR'S AWAY
HOLD TIGHT THIS PERSON WHO'D BEEN HURT SO BADLY

IF I DID THAT, I WOULD BE THE ONE HE LOVED
...MAYBE.

A WISH SO SHALLOW I EVEN SHOCKED MYSELF...
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
!
AH?
IS SUMMER?
PECK
PECK
HM...
!

!!!
HE'S NOT HERE?
SENPAI?
SENPAI?
WHERE DID HE GO?
WHY ISN'T HE REPLYING?
COULD IT BE THAT
Senpai
AH!
MAYBE HE'S AT SCHOOL
TOMATSU!
PAT
PAT

I'M HERE!
HERE!
PAUSE
SENPAI
I SAID SO, RIGHT?
IF YOU COME UP HERE YOU CAN SEE THE SCHOOL FIELD...
IN THE CRISP MORNING AIR OF WINTER...

...SENPAI WAS SMILING AS DAZZLINGLY AS HE USED TO BEFORE.
I NEVER WANTED TO LOOK BEFORE.
FRANKLY, IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE I SAW IT.
SO...
I THOUGHT IT WAS OKAY NOW.
RE.. REALLY?
THANK YOU!
TOMA-TSU
HUH?
AH...
CAN I GO UP THERE TOO?
I WANT TO SEE THE SCHOOL AS WELL.

THAT MORNING...
...SENPAI JUMPED DOWN, LIKE HE DID TEN YEARS AGO.

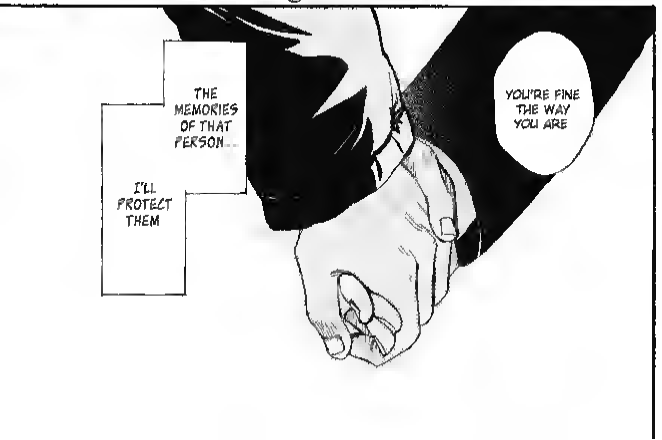
ANOTHER YEAR PASSED
Rustle

THAT DAY
SENPAI SURVIVED WITH ONLY MINOR INJURIES AFTER JUMPING DOWN FROM THE THIRD FLOOR IT WAS LIKE A MIRACLE
TIME PASSES BY SO QUICKLY
IT'S BEEN ANOTHER YEAR

HOWEVER
HE WAS SPEEDING AND HE LOST CONTROL AND FELL?
THAT'S SO LIKE HIM.
Drip
I'M SORRY
WIFE
I'M OKAY
HE HAS NO MEMORY LEFT OF THAT NIGHT
!
SENPAI
Drip
Drip

HOW STRANGE...
PEOPLE'S MINDS ARE SURPRISINGLY CONVENIENT THINGS.
WHEN HE WOKE UP, ALL HE FORGOT ABOUT WERE THE BAD THINGS.
SATOSHI-SENPAI FORGOT ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO
...AND ABOUT MEETING YOUSUKE-SENPAI A YEAR AGO
I CAN STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING FROM BEFORE.
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER HIS FUNERAL.
HE LOOKS STRAIGHT AT ME LIKE HE DID BEFORE.
TOMATSU

I... USED TO LIKE YOUSUKE.
YEAH.
I KNOW.
I THINK...
I MIGHT NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET HIM.
TOMATSU... EVEN SO...?
YEAH.
I UNDER-STAND.

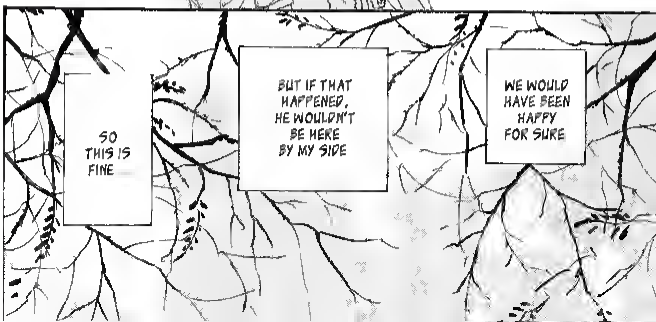

YOU'RE FINE THE WAY YOU ARE
THE MEMORIES OF THAT PERSON...
I'LL PROTECT THEM

LIKE HOW IT IS IN SATOSHI-SENPAI'S HAPPY MEMORIES...

WE'D BE GOOD FRIENDS ALL THE WAY UNTIL GRADUATION

EVERYONE WOULD MARRY ON THEIR OWN, HAVE THEIR OWN FAMILIES AND BECOME INVOLVED IN THEIR OWN WORK.

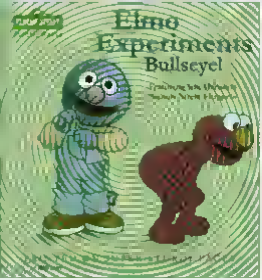
AND THEN BECOME NOSTALGIC OVER WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.



EVEN IF I'M WRONG...
EVEN IF IT'S TWISTED...

YOU CAN JUST REMEMBER ALL THE GOOD THINGS
AH!
PLANE SMOKE TRAIL!

...THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DIZZYINGLY BLUE SKY...
THE DARKNESS THAT EXISTS THERE.
I ALONE WILL HOLD THAT KNOWLEDGE.
空の森則
END



ALREADY?
Wow, Happy Birthday, Painful_Buggery!

We'd appreciate your efforts more if only you weren't such a pain in the ass. HA HA HA! GET IT?! Ahh... NVM. -__-;

Seriously though, have a great day! — BAA Staff

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER IN THE COSMOS

KUNIEDA SAIKA, 2005

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY CADETS? I HAVE QUITE A VARIETY - BEAUTIFUL CAVALIER MUSCULAR OR EFFEMINATE AND THEN OF COURSE THERE'S ME PERFECTION

SCANNER: PRESENCEDEAR
TRANSLATOR: PRESENCEDEAR
CLEANER: YOJI_SAMA/PAINFUL_BUGGERY
TYPESETTER: TRIS
QC: KRIPTONIMA/ZL

Year 80Ix of the Cosmic Era
The war between the Independence Forces and the Earth Federation had been growing worse.
Peace no longer seemed possible...
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100
120%!
MAIN TORPEDOES READY TO FIRE!
90...
50...
99...
CHARGING WEAPONS!

BOOM!
FIRE!
Captain of the Earth Federation Warship, Dontacas, Klaus Von Klauter (28)
FIRE!
VWOOOF-!

KA-BOOM
Hooray!
WE DID IT!
NICELY DONE, CAPTAIN KLAUTER
HM.
For ten yeers now, he has taken his place on the battlefield...
...but he always fights in vain
Is he asleep on his feet?
Nonl He's gazing into the distance!

HM?
RATTLE
thump
whack
thud
CAPTAIN!
WE'VE CAPTURED AN ENEMY SOLDIER!
GRAB
HUH?!

TH-THIS MAN...!
KILL ME!
I WON'T BE CAPTURED BY ENEMIES AND LIVE ON IN DISGRACE!
Oh, my!
What's that?
HOW IMPERTINENT!
WAIT!
How entertaining! I'll torture him to death as requested
He He He He

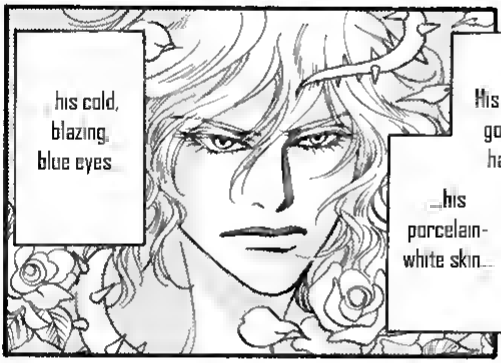
LEAVE THAT MAN...
...IN MY CUSTODY.
BUT...
FROM NOW ON, I WILL CONDUCT THE INTERROGATION OF THIS
UNDERSTOOD?
CAPTAIN?!
ENRAGED
Oh!
What's gotten into me?
I'm the last person...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME AND RANK?
huff
huff
ALEX...
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALEX GOLDWYN
...to show mercy to his enemies.
On your feet, Goldie!
BRING HIM TO MY CHAMBERS
VERY WELL.
Captain!

Welcome
glance
WHY DID YOU SPARE MY LIFE?
silent
I DON'T INTEND TO
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF

He caught it with his bare hands ?
WHOOOSH
Heh
Perfect
jingle
His hair is so long
My bangs were a little too long
I was just thinking I should trim them soon
grin
Damn
WELL, I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MY POST
Upsy daisy
clink

I CAN'T REMOVE YOUR HANDCUFFS BUT—
—AS LONG AS YOU STAY IN THIS ROOM, YOU CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE
GET SOME REST
Close
VROOOOM
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE CAPTAIN UP TO?
BRINGING A PRISONER OF WAR INTO HIS ROOM ?
WELL, MAYBE HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF PLAN
EVEN THOUGH THE CAPTAIN IS A MASTER OF KARATE AND WRESTLING, THE SITUATION COULD STILL BECOME DANGEROUS

Cut it out! I dont even want to think about it!
NO WAY!
Aaaagh!
OR MAYBE THE CAPTAIN FINDS THE PRISONER...?
How disrespectful!
the captain is within earshot!


...his cold, blazing, blue eyes...
His wavy golden hair...
...his porcelain-white skin...
I see... I find that man attractive...

...they remind me of a certain man who's no longer here
HERE'S YOUR DINNER
whoosh

W.C
Huh? Captain... Weren't you going in there?

Heh
That's okay
turn away
clack
Your pride makes you sparkle
glare
At least while I'm eating dinner!
I WANT MY FREEDOM
jingle
gobble gobble
CAN I GET YOU ANY-THING ELSE?
Heh...
THAT... YOU WILL HAVE TO GET ON YOUR OWN
Hey!
Later, loser!!
FWIP

THREE YEARS AGO, THESE WERE THE INTHING! MASS PRODUCED PETS CALLED GEBORA
geboo geboo
TH-THIS IS...

WE'VE DISCOVERED AN UNIDENTIFIED DRIFTING OBJECT!
It's a cardboard box!
WE'LL CAPTURE IT!
Please take me home

Aww
Poor thing...
Gebu?
That's so mean!
Do people think they're garbage?
Recently people have been abandoning these pets in the void of space.

He's not supposed to leave the room!
How kind!
silence
SMOOCH
Why dont you live with me?
It's Destiny that I found you here.
gebo gebo

YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO LONELY
NO-THING
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
wandering in...
ONCE UPON A TIME
TWINS WERE BORN INTO A NOBLE FAMILY
brandy
LET ME TELL YOU AN OLD STORY

THE ELDER BROTHER WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL AND THE YOUNGER BROTHER WAS VERY UGLY
THEIR PARENTS AND ALL THE ADULTS AROUND THEM SAID THE ELDER BROTHER WAS LIKE AN ANGEL AND THEY CHERISHED HIM
AND THE YOUNGER BROTHER ?
Heh...
HE GRADUATED FROM MILITARY ACADEMY WITH TOP MARKS
HE FELT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO STUDY HARD AND EXCEL IN SPORTS
EVEN IF HE COULD ONLY ACHIEVE REALITY ON THE INSIDE...
"HE" MADE AN EFFORT IN HIS OWN WAY
But he's got such an ugly face
Kinjoter-kun is really something!
graduation speech
Thank you. You're a good boy, even if you're ugly
Please have a seat, ma'am
Priority Seating
helping out
But he's so ugly!
What a good boy!
...IT'S NOT LIKE HE WAS MISTREATED...
"HE..."
...WELL...
...BUT NOBODY PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO HIM.
faraway look
swish!
swish!
Good grief! Well, you can't help it
Hahaha...
Father
I need a bigger allowance.
I've dropped out of school
Pretty
Since you're so cute, we'll allow it
Mother
HOWEVER, THEIR PARENTS LOVED HIS SELFISH AND FREE-WHEELING ELDER BROTHER...

FATE HAS CURSED ME...!
I HATED HIM!
I HAD NOTHING, AND MY BROTHER WAS ENDOWED WITH EVERY-THING!
YOU SEE EVEN THOUGH I HATED MY BROTHER, I LOVED HIM
THE STRANGE THING IS...
WHEN HE'S NOT HERE MY LOVE GROWS
BUT MY BROTHER WAS LOST IN BATTLE A LONG TIME AGO...
sigh
I can't believe I got so worked up
sigh
FORGET IT.
I'M JUST REMI-NISC-ING...
YOU...
...LOOK A LOT LIKE MY BROTHER
CAPTAIN KLAUTER
Grobo

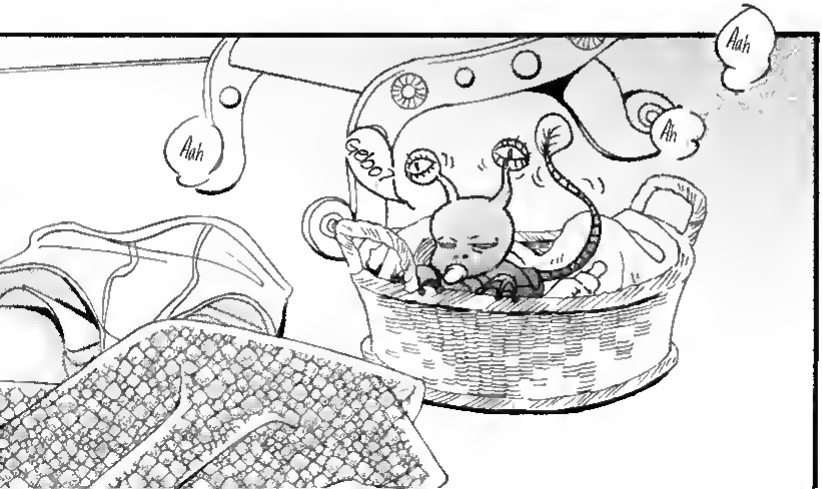
clonk
touch

sigh
I SEE...
SO WE'RE ENEMIES AFTER ALL...
NO!
Geboo, ge...
sigh
COME ON...
WHERE'S THE NEED FOR PITY?
Geboo
DO YOU PITY ME?
clench

grab
...HAVE A VERY BEAUTIFUL HEART...!
YOU...
H-HOW FLATTERING, COMMANDER...
Oh, Ahem...
BUT...
Calm down, calm down...
IT'S ALEX!
YOU DON'T NEED A BEAUTIFUL FACADE...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
Prickle
sparkle
CALL ME ALEX...

OOH!
KLAUS
CAN I CALL YOU THAT?
FORGET THAT WE'RE ENEMIES RIGHT NOW
I'M JUST A HUMAN BEING WHO WANTS TO TOUCH YOU
MY HEART DOESN'T DECEIVE ME
chink
BUT, OH,
SHOULD I BELIEVE HIM?
BUT TAKE OFF MY HANDCUFFS
I WANT TO HOLD YOU

I LOVE YOU...!!


Aah
Gabo?
Ah
Aah

AH...
slide
SHUDDER
AAH...
SUCTION

soft
NNAH
AL-READY
This so sudden
AAH
tremble
tremble
tremble
AH
SUCK
SLURP
SLURP
censored
COME
tremble
tremble
pant
pant
Sigh
rub
rub
lick
squeeze
AA AH
tremble
tremble
SHUDDER
ROUGH
DOES IT HURT ?
pant
FLINCH
UUH
poke

gaze
SORRY
MY FINGER IS LONG, THICK, AND COVERED WITH BRISTLY HAIR. SO IT MIGHT HURT
See, it's 5 inches long
I DON'T CARE
Ah..
pant
pant
COME ON, PUT IN
AN-OTHER FINGER
OPEN ME UP
touch
PUSH
C~CAN I PUT THREE IN?
YES
AAH
SO GOOD
YEAH
L~LIKE THIS?
AAAH
pant
COME ON
HURRY!
PLEASE
Ah

Aaah.
PLEASE
I CAN'T HOLD OUT ANY LONGER
tremble tremble
JUST HURRY UP AND PUT IT IN!
Come on!
pissed off
...MY "BEEEEEEP" AND SKIP THE REST...
gaze
S-BUT
GULP
PUSH
an obvious silhouette
AH...!

AH
AH
AAH...
OH
pant
SO
pant
GOOD.
THIS
IS MY FIRST TIME...
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
pant
Me, too.
25% beautification

Did human skin
always feel so good?

HUH?!
groggy
HM...?
TH
THIS ..?!
censored
HEH
YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, CAPTAIN KLAUTER
Hm?!
bed hair

IT'S TIME TO GO BYE-BYE MY FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER YOUR SHIP
YES
YOU WERE VERY EASY TO TRICK
HEH
shine
YOU
WERE PLANNING THIS ALL ALONE ?
BLAKE
So you tried me up?!
WH...?
WELL,
WOULD YOU HAVE JUST MEEKLY BECOME OUR PRISONER OF WAR?
he he he he
I know
The Commander is enjoying it this...

That's...
THANK YOU... MR. STARSHIP CAPTAIN
I don't want to touch this ugly guy
Yuck!!
YOU'RE A VALUABLE PRISONER NOW
rubber glove
censored
SO... LET'S RESPECTFULLY WELCOME MR KLAUTER TO OUR WARSHIP
ON MY SHIP, EVEN OUR PRISONERS ARE TREATED WITH COURTESY
MORE THAN YOU DID FOR ME...
Heh...
THE SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT
YOU'LL BE FINE
Yes, sir...
WALKING AWAY

VROOOM
Preparing for docking!
Wearing a towel
How humiliating...
I was completely deceived. If I'm resigned to my capture...
EAST 4
Okay, okay...!
...it'll be better for my own crew...
Clonk
KLAUS

EAST 4
WE'LL HIDE IN THE SHUTTLE CRAFT AROUND THE CORNER
HUH?
WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, PUSH OFF!
whisper
whisper
Okay)
okay...
VROOOM
HUH? AROUND THE CORNER?
Where's the corner?
Here?
JUST SHUT UP AND JUMP!
Come on!
GO!
PUSH
HUH?
C-COM-MANDER ALEX?
Hehehe
What's going on?

HUH...?!
VRROOOM
Wa ha ha ha ha ha ha ha
FAREWELL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
TRAITOR...!
...WHO I REALLY AM?!
KLAUS, HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED OUT...
Heh.
I'm still tied up.
W-WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
turn turn
gasp
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT... / EIGHT YEARS AGO, YOU MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED WHAT HAPPENED?
Ha ha ha ha ha!
THAT'S RIGHT! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
YOU'RE MY BROTHER, JULIUS!
His name is revealed for the first time
YOU DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES YOU'VE GOT AN ANNOYING PERSONALITY...
IT CAN'T BE...!
Hey!
tremble tremble
shake shake
jitter jitter
WELL, KLAUS...
Grab

Er... you're cleaning this up in one panel?
WHEN I UNEXPECTEDLY RAN INTO YOU, I REMEMBERED EVERYTHING!
EIGHT YEARS AGO... I LOST MY MEMORY IN BATTLE. I WAS DRIFTING THROUGH THE COSMOS. WHEN ENEMY FORCES PICKED ME UP AND BRAINWASHED ME, I BECAME A BATTLE MACHINE...
the art of escape
It's okay! Gebora is going, too!
When did you do that...?
Gebo, gebo
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN TWO MEN DO THAT?!
We'll become like Adam and Eve on some star somewhere!
Plus, we're // brothers!
wa ha ha ha!
He's still more?*
First we're running away from the war
Hm...
Onward ho!
THAT ASIDE, WHERE IS THIS SHIP GOING?
BUT, Jaspo
...a new legend was born...
Now, in the cosmos...

*NOTE: YUKI MORI IS A CHARACTER FROM THE ANIME "SPACE BATTLESHIP YAMATO (OR STAR BLAZERS)." SHE IS WEARING HER HAIRSTYLE IN THE PICTURE.

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER... IN THE COSMOS / END